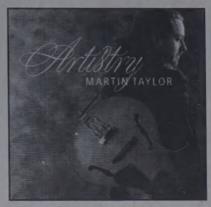
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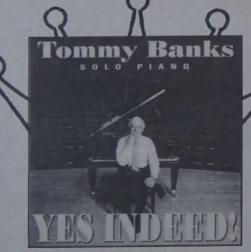
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E-town needs blood and vomit Folk Fest should be much more diverse

BY JONATHAN MURPHY

et's face it. For six months of the year, our town has its drawbacks.

While the Lotuslanders are rollerblading round Stanley Park and Cowtowners are just a commuter's drive away from the big hills, we're busy thinking about block heaters and snow shovels.

Come March or so every year, some jerk who once lived here writes a column in the Globe or the Calgary Herald making fun of us. Patriotic Edmontonians stir out of hibernation, penning outraged responses which inevitably brag about the number of community league kids' playgrounds (albeit buried under three feet of grey snow), the river (frozen, but un-

safe for skating) and our festivals (facing their annual city council funding cutbacks). We applaud the letter writers while surreptitiously turning to the travel section.

Then, finally, it's summer. The sirens of seasonal affective disorder sign and retreat, we bask in 16 hours of solstice sunlight and the festival season begins.

At first, slowly and unsteadily, like a newborn foal. Jazzfest, mindful of spring's abundant rains, stays studiously indoors, venturing out for little more than a lunchtime stroll in Churchill Square.

Then the street performers break loose. Used to sleeping on Greyhounds and other privations, they juggle and tumble around outside without acknowledging rain or cold. After the midway has come and gone, as we're suddenly realizing that our reprieve from winter can now be measured in weeks, not months, festival passion explodes into a frenetic crescendo of music and theatre, of boozing and strolling. First the Folk Fest and then the Fringe, each one as big joyful and as successful as any in the world.

Twenty years ago, the biggest summer show was our greatest humiliation—Klondike Days, the Stampede's ugly little sister, replete with ugly mascot and dubious parentage.

"Why, of course this is the authentic site of the Gold Rush. Never heard of Dawson City."

Now, carloads of Calgarians head north up Hwy. 2 for their annual vacation (just to visit friends, of course—it just happens to coincide with the festivals).

But lest Edmontonians grow smug and lazy, let's not forget that success in the entertainment business is more often fleeting than it is enduring.

Toronto's Mariposa, once synonymous with Canadian folk music festivals, has staggered, strangled by big city ennui, through more deaths and artificial resuscitations than an aging dictator.

For the most part, entertainment is best when it's fresh and unpredictable, drawing energy from crowds bonded by the thrill of discovery, be it a challenging new play or the pulsating rhythm of an unfamiliar world beat.

of an unfamiliar world beat. But sooner or later, drawn by enthusiastic descriptions from their friends, crowds become oppressively large, amongst the newcomers an overabundance of those who feel that nirvana can be found through the gate to the beer tent.

through the gate to the beer tent.
In the Woodstock years, the crescendo would have culminated in a free-for-all, a mud-slopping orgy of sex and drugs and blood and vomit, graphically captured by the press and beamed back home to our parents as warning of the terrible and inevitable outcome of long hair and loud music.

But as Dylan said, "I was younger then, and so much older now." Our grey hairs neatly tied back in unobtrusive ponytails, we sit in committees and set maximum ticket quotas, devise fiendish schemes to thwart the mad tarpaulin run, and lay down little yellow strips marking laneways where people are NOT TO SIT.

We book a suspicious surfeit of Bruce Cockburn think-a-likes, guys with reedy voices and a-messageto-all-of-you-out-there-aboutworm-composters. And, sure enough, the crowd's clean and polite and nice and white.

Next year, let's loosen the reins a little bit. And especially, remember that folk come in many colors.



some people fall through the cracks, craters, canyons... WHATEVER...

The Alberta Legislature calls Vue writer set to challenge ND leadership

BY PAM BARRETT

ey folks, guess what? I'm a political junkie. And isn't that a surprise?

Looking back on my past year's Vue columns, I guess it must have been obvious.

But if I hadn't decided to run for the leadership of the Alberta New Democrats, I wouldn't have flipped through my columns to make this discovery. You don't bring sand to the Sahara and the cobbler's children always wear the poorest shoes.

The truth is that I didn't realize how much I continued to be politically motivated in my observations and comments until I looked back.

I'll miss writing for Vue and talking with the people who run this superb urban weekly. They are 'a' great 'crew' of 'dedicated'

people who thoroughly enjoy bringing you the best in news and analysis. (As a movie buff, let me tell you I always count on our movie reviews, too...)

However, it is with a happy heart that I am pursuing my new

I want to help the New Democrats get elected to the priority forum in this province: the Legislature. But not just for the sake of winning seats.

I firmly believe that Albertans who oppose the Klein government's agenda have been without a voice in the Legislature for the last three years.

It should not have taken great genius to figure out the massive cuts imposed in the name of deficit hysteria would result in a dangerous dismantling of our cherished social programs. Yet, until halfway through the socing sitting of the Legislature, our Official Opposition did nothing to challenge the severity (or even the nature) of the budget cuts.

In fact, the Liberals even collaborated on the lunatic notion of dedicating any surplus budget dollars to fast-track debt retirement instead of looking at the value of spending those surplus dollars to fill the cracks left by the cuts.

Even considering doing so would have made me feel better. But the Liberals, who ran on a conservative ticket in 1993, did not even think of countering the proposed Klein agenda.

Therefore I want to dedicate my time to building a team of credible candidates who will seek your nod at election time. I want to restore your desire to vote New Democratics

Most importantly, I want to help bring your voice to elected representatives in the Legislature.

unheard in the last three years.

Alberta, despite our current government's claims, does not speak with one voice.

Women, seniors, health care providers and users, teachers and parents, the unemployed and underemployed, students and middle-class workers need a chance to preserve what they need in programs and their own individual futures.

Social and economic mobility need to be viable options for all of us—not just the well-heeled.

These are the interests and people I will work to represent.

If you want to help me, either in my leadership bid or after the convention election, please call the ND office: 474-2415.

Thank you for having read my columns. Your feedback has been greatly appreciated.

And now it's time for me to put on my running shoes.

MFWS

What can money buy? Vue from the top

Boy, is it hard to watch Gods fall on their faces. But everyone must stumble on the walk of fame.

We in the media have the power to create icons and destroy them as well. Their fate lies in how moody the reporters, critics and wannabewriters (who use their free passes to fruitlessly try to impress chicks) are when the performer in question arrives in a given city.

When Garth Brooks, the 60 million-unit selling C&W star, arrived in town last week, he showed up for a pre-opening night press conference. He does one in every town he plays in.

Why not? It helps his "man of the people" image he so desperately wants to project. Self-serving, egotistical stars are passé in the late '90s, when was the last time the Artist Formerly Known as Prince created a

Brooks is an industry unto himself. He has never done anything especially relevant in the world of music except make lots and lots of cash. The Coliseum show began with his Garthship popping out of a white grand piano. Tacky, yes—an antic straight from the heavy metal excess of the '80s.

Because that's what Brooks is—a heavy metal performer trapped in a country singer's persona.

But Brooks had a run-in with a rep from our mag (see the story on Page 6) at his press conference. His press conferences aren't meant to be places where journalists can find out his stance on issues like used CD sales (everyone has the right to sell property (s)he owns—case closed) or the inflated prices of big-arena shows (anyone who takes \$25 for a T-shirt should carry a pistol and wear a balaclava—anyone who willingly pays \$25 or more for a concert shirt should have a sign posted on them stating: WARNING! EXTREME STUPIDITY).

Most of the journalists at the press conference obliged Mr. Brooks' whims—except for a lone Vuester in the crowd, no one was willing to do anything but kiss the great Garth's keester.

Brooks has created his own cult of personality. The media chooses not to violate such a multi-million dollar industry. Just like sports idols and playboys, such musicians aren't controversial unless they are gay or do a lot of drugs.

Meanwhile, across the city at the Edmonton Folk Fest, Texans Steve Earle and Jimmie Dale Gilmore were playing their honest brand of hurtin' country music. Gilmore may not be as well known as Brooks and Earle doesn't possess ol' Garth's clean-livin' image (Earle's been to the slammer for heroin-related offences), but their music is more than merely Nashville-front-office contrived product.

The music they play is a reflection of their lives. It is honest—therefore as a whole uninteresting to he media, save for *Spin*, which did a piss-piece on Earle after his latest drug-influenced downfall. These artists are faced with honesty and adversity on a daily basis, but they aren't given credit.

Why is our choice of icons so backwards? Earle and Gilmore don't make oodles of cash. That's why.

Blame the media for the money bias. Blame it on the largest bunch of hypocrites that has ever existed. Money and flash has made us rotten. That doesn't extend just to the oh-so-obvious issue of hard news. It applies to arts writing and sportswriting, as well. We are intimidated by the power and lustre of money.

And, as Garth Books has proven, a man with money is meant to be worshipped, not challenged. And, as anyone who has written about it knows, the music industry is as unfair as a puppet regime. Music writing is no longer about finding the soul of the artists involved—it is about preserving a myth. No wonder Earle doesn't like talking to the press.

CORRECTION

Whoops, we messed up big. Last week, a paragraph from Phillipe Renoir's *Dining Out* column was inadvertedly patched into a news story by Kelly Torrance.

We have no idea how this happened, and are currently passing blame around the office. We apologize to the two restaurants named in the article, the author and our readers for any confusion caused.

The intro to the story titled "Forum questions abuse bill" should have read:

An allegation of domestic abuse can turn into a difficult situation. Victims need all the support they can get. But those people falsely accused also need support. Is there a solution in the justice system that is fair to both "victime?"



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Barrett hopes to revive NDs



Pam Barrett's goal is to get the New Democrats back in the Legislature.

NEWS BY PAUL

After a three-year hiatus, Pam Barrett is returning to provincial politics. She announced last week that she will seek the leader.

ship of the Alberta New Democratic Party.
Barrett will seek the Edmonton-Highlands seat she held from 1986-1993 in the next election, and says "Alberta has been without effective opposition for the past three

and a half years."

She cites health care as an area

where the provincial Liberals failed to question the government until it was too late.

"It should not have taken a rocket scientist to figure out that health care would suffer enormously from the cutbacks. But the Liberals never raised that issue until the last spring session."

Barrett, 43, was Opposition house leader during her previous term as well as the deputy leader of the party. She had a reputation for being an outspoken member of the Legislature and has the highest public profile of the candidates in the race.

Barrett is not worried that a

strong NDP campaign might split the left-wing vote and allow the Tories to win more seats.

"The Liberals ran on a conservative platform the last time," she says. "I think all the progressive votes will come to the NDP."

She refuses to set a target for the NDP in the election, saying only that they will attempt to win as many seats as possible. She admits she doesn't "think we'll win 50"

Sherry McKibben, president of the Alberta NDP, is similarly noncommital about the party's chances, but says "there's no reason we can't win back 16 or 20 (sears)."

McKibben is also adamant that the legislature is missing the strong opposition voice she feels her party can provide.

"The debt needs to be dealt with, but I think we could call the war Ion debt lover."

Challenging Barrett are Joe Woytowich, 39, a former executive director of Unifarm, and Larry Dubrofsky, 49, a psychological and finance counsellor.

McKibben says the three candidates have "varying experiences and skills," allowing for some "exciting possibilities to move the party forward."

The party will attempt to extend its reach beyond Edmonton, which McKibben describes as the NDP's stronghold. She says they have made a commitment to focus on Calgary and at least one rural riding.

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I slapped water with my face

BY TODD BABIAK

couple of weekends ago, I put my two front teeth through my bottom lip. I got a few stitches and, from the perfect angle, it looked as though a medium-sized spider had nested there. People were curious

How did it happen? Kickboxing? A night of renegade passion?"

"No," I would say, tentatively, on the verge of whipping up a nice, more warrior-esque story, wakeboarding.

"Oh. Cool

Cool. Yes, the trend watchers have declared a unanimous decision; like rollerblading, martinis. lounge music and cigars before it. the relatively new endeavor of wakeboarding is en vogue

Since last summer, my friends and I have been traipsing out to the lake as often as possible to hurl ourselves over the wake. And we are not alone

"It's definitely gonna take over waterskiing," said Denny Ramer of New Ground, one of Edmonton's wakeboard retailers. "It's just like the younger guys getting into snowboarding instead of (downhill) skiing. Skiing (overwater and on the snow) is going to die out."

Wakeboarding is a simple concept. First came surfing. Then, thanks to pioneer Tony Finn. skurfing was born-basically a modified surfboard for inlanders to pull behind a boat. Over the last decade or so, the big, fat, lunky skurfers evolved into the contemporary, twin-tip wake-board; light, thin and compression-molded with responsive wrap bindings.

Dave Potter, manager of Shipwreck, another sale-or-rent wakeboard shop, has been monitoring the growth in the sport for a few

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gotten involved are getting behind a boat. It's opened up big-

You might have noticed a bunch of hollering freaks flipping. around in the air at your favourite lake. You'll find they go a bit slower than slalom skiers and, if they can afford it, their tow pole (skylon) is absurdly tall. You'll also find they've put sandbags and heftier friends in the back of the boat to increase the relative tastiness of the wake

According to salesman J.P. Roy, Ocean Sports have been selling out of their wakeboards all summer. With the price range going anywhere from a used board at \$200 to a pro model for \$1000. the trend watchers aren't helping us sad fools in the low income brackets, but that isn't stopping

"A lot of younger guys are buy-ing them," said Roy, "but families are coming in too.

Even if you can't do a superman, a backflip, a 360 or a backside tantrum, wakeboarding is a blast. It's pure bliss to be on the board and it's also nice to sit in the boat and enjoy the terrible wipcouts. There are few things more enjoyable than a friend or family member's creative attempts at slapping the water with his or her face.

Although I have the spidery stitches, wakeboarding, in my opinion, is safer than suntanning, drinking martinis, smoking cigars or watching Olympic highlights over and over again with a plateful of french-fried potatoes and pork gravy. It's especially good for the adrenaline rush and the watery massage you get when you catch your heel edge

Besides, with the positive nod from the martini-drinking, white jeans-wearing, lounge music-lis-

tening trend watchers, maybe you can impress someone in your bikini or sexy wetsuit. of meeting K.J. and the boys at one of their many rock and roll revues here. I'm a member of the band

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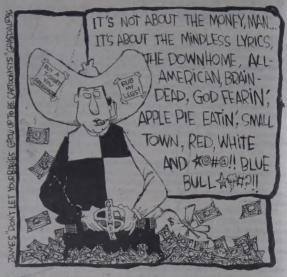
's true that Garth Brooks is a helluva nice guy. That is, unless you ask him questions he doesn't

At a press conference at the Edmonton Coliseum last week, Brooks was all down-home country friendliness. He's polite, seems sincere and impressed the reporters in attendance by flipping the cassettes in the tape recorders in front of him as they reached the end of the side

For the most part, the media obliged His Niceness. People asked him how his children were doing (two of them are on tour with him), what he hoped to give his audience and what he thought of ticket scalpers-all questions easy enough to answer

It was the question that followed the ticket scalper inquiry, posed by Vue staffer Amy Hough, that didn't go down so well. Brooks was asked to explain his position on used CDs. He has fought sec ond-hand CD retailers and explained that it doesn't seem fair to him that a CD is sold without any royalties going to the artist, writers, or record company. When it was suggested to him that perhaps some fans couldn't afford full-price CDs, he said "by that argument we should give them away for free.

But used CDs have already been sold once and all royalties paid. They are like any other piece of property that someone owns and decides to sell. Someone who sells his/her car doesn't send a royalty cheque off to



Chrysler or Toyota.

Regardless of the points of the debate, it was the way Brooks handled the challenge that was interesting. He became defensive, suggesting that the questioner was "uneducated" on the matter. After some verbal battling, he asked her how it felt to be getting back some of the 'arrows" she was shooting at him.

Brooks is obviously not used to being challenged; a natural byproduct of mega-stardom is the way everyone around you acquieces to your every desire or request. There can be little doubt that he is sin cerely a nice person despite the fame, but his reaction to a mild rebuke can't help but make me wish we had pushed him further.

The question was only an "ar row" in relation to the soft inquir ies Brooks faced through the rest of the meeting. He remained po lite throughout the exchange though, and when thanking the reporters at the end of conference added a special "thank you" to the staffer who had pressed him, seemingly as a sort of apology.

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Photog makes his mark

FASHION BY RYAN GREENWOOD

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A sound capable of creating a supermodel or the beginning of a brilliant fashion editorial.

To an outsider, a photographer may seem like the least exciting player in the fashion industry. Yet if a fashion photographer can wield the ability to create star-struck images, he or she is a valuable commodity. If you study his 10 years of work, you'll see how Grant Olson fits into this category.

"It's really escapism. All of this obsession with heauts. I've always felt I had a special talent for seeing someone's beauty. It seemed natural to bring it out in photographs," says Olson.

To Olson, the decision to become a photographer wasn't painstakingly difficult.

"After I tried to become a graphic designer and realized I wasn't very good at it, I realized I wasned to photograph people. I've been doing that ever since,"

Born and raised in Edmonton, Olson attended Ross Sheppard High School. He then attended the University of Alberta in Art and Design. After two rears, Olson took a risk.

"I was nervous and excited to move to Toronto to go to school at Ryerson. So, I just did it," explains Olson. Four years later, he graduated with a Bachelor of Applied

In Toronto, he sidekicked for Flare magazine and Chatelaine with leading Canadian photographers.

"You can teach anyone to be a technician. Anyone can learn to run a camera. But you can never teach anyone to capture a feeling. If you can concentrate on creativity and not worry about technical elements, that's what makes a great photographer," he says.

Once back in Edmonton, Olson dived into the city's fashion scene. Since then he has become a solid member of Edmonton's fashion industry. Almost every successful model, designer and makeup artist has worked or wants to work with Olson.

"I've worked for many designers in the city. I've also worked with most of the major hair salons. And



Ken Horn as photographed by Grant Olson.

I've helped some successful models get their start."

He did one of the first photo shoots with Kim Renneburg for Concrete Clothiers when she was 14. Renneburg appears in a Carolina Herrera ad in September's issue of *Elle* magazine.

His shot of Ken Horn helped Horn go from Edmonton to the headline model for Perry Ellis in the early '90s. Since then, Olson has created pictures for entertainers and celebrities in Edmonton.

He shot a recent CD jacket for Anna Beaumont. Playwright Brad Fraser relies on Olson for his publicity images.

With modesty in his voice, Olson explains one of the main reasons for his success.

"It's embarrassing, but the model, makeup, hair and stylists are so important to my photos," says Olson. "I've always said the right team can create a star. And you know, I've seen it happen."

For someone who seems to have exhausted most of the creative outlets in Edmonton, Olson knows his future is here.

"Of course, I still aspire for my photos to make it to Vogue," he says. "Yet success is relative. And you know, I've got a good life here in Edmonton. Now all Ineed to do is travel and get inspired about something new. Now that would be a change I can handle."

Net unearths drivers

VUE Net

BY SEER BARNES

magine for a moment, that while you are driving down Groat Road, some fooi whips around you at 80 km/h in rush hour.

You glance up from your sweat-soaked dashboard and note the licence plate.

You head home, sit down at your computer, enter in the plate into your local web site and find out the fellow's address and phone number.

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You can get a single record for a \$4 search fee, or get the entire database on magnetic tape for \$222

Until Aaron Nabil-Eastlund posted the records on the 'net, many Oregonians were not aware that their personal information was freely available.

The site <http://www.spiritone.com/cgi-bin/plates>recorded over 66,000 hits in its initial week of existence and gar-

nered interest from around the country through an Associated Press wire service article.

The popularity does not sit well with Nabil-Eastlund, who was hiding from prying media crews on Thursday.

"I'm not doing this for the publicity." says Nabil-Eastlund.

Nabil-Eastlund is standing on solid legal ground. There is nothing stopping anybody from obtaining the records and, once they are in their possession, they can do with them what they will—even posting them in a search engine over the Internet.

Governor John Kitzhaber asked Nabil-Eastlund politely to remove the search engine which, legally, was all he could do.

Fortunately for the governor, Nabil-Eastlund "temporarlly suspended" the page a week ago "to think about it."

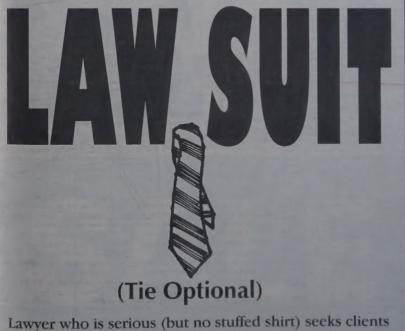
The DMV information has been freely available to consumers and businesses alike for over 23 years. So far, there hasn't been any evidence of abuse in Oregon.

This was not the case for Rebecca Schaffer, a Portland born actress in California, who was killed by a mentally deranged fan who got her address from her motor vehicle records.

No doubt the DMV scandal, as it has been dubbed by the traditional and new media, will prompt the Oregon legislature to restrict access to DMV records.

Will placing the DMV records on the Internet improve driving, as Nabil-Eastlund hopes to do?

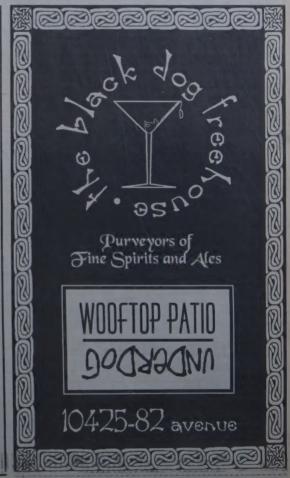
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Smoother struggles to make ends meet

ALTERNATIVE

With the album, What A Life, just released, Smoother is

already anxious to move forward

boys' restlessness could be the

constantly changing nature of the

The root of the Hamilton, Ont.

musically

group. Formerly known as the band has not only switched monikers but most of its-

> The only original left is guitarist Andrew Francy. Completing the current line up is Beau Cook on bass and vocals, drummer Stewart Fazekas and James Flemming on guitars and vocals.

Despite the evolving image of Smoother, the band has a definite

goal and direction.

"I think the next album will be a little softer and more melodic but with an aggressive edge," says

"All of our songs are two minutes long right now and I think we're heading towards a more mature outlook towards songwriting. I don't think the band is going to stop playing the way it is but we're just going to be trying different

One approach the band has to getting its music out is various side projects.

Smoother is currently negotiating a 7" release with 1000 Mona Lisas. Also, Smoother will be on the upcoming compilation album based around the Hamilton nightclub, Fever.

Fever is/a place which the band feels strong emotional ties

"It's a bar that's been good to us and it's a good club for young bands," explains Fazekas. "It's really underground and there's a lot of sub-culture night people. lt's a crazy dark atmosphere which does accept all-agers. I think the kids like that.'

Although confident about short-term commitments. Smoother feels a little shakier when it comes to the band's next album.

Not only are funds prohibitive and tour returns sparse, but the band also finds other stumbling blocks in its path. Hopefully with in a year everything will be worked

"Being on an independent label, bands are negotiating with oth er labels," says Fazekas. "It would be great if we could be on a label who could satisfy our needs for publicity. If we were to be picked up by another label my first question would be, what could you do that our current label Sonic Un yon can't?"

Smoother w/ Molly's Reach People's

Don't call them a side project

BY KEN

e Wheat Chiefs are probably the only band which went from being an off-shoot to existing as a side project without doing anything.

After SNFU stopped playing in 1989 former members Marc Belke (vocals, guitars) and his brother Brent (guitars/ vocals) started Wheat the Chiefs

Using the talents drummer Ed Dobek (formerly of Jr.

Gone Wild) and bassist Rob Johnson (also an SNFU member) they pursued slightly more melodic sounds. However, with the SNFU back in action, the Wheat Chiefs live out an odd fate

Time is given to the band when other commitments allow it. This philosophy is evident when one realizes that the new Wheat Chiefs album, Redeemer is the result of recording sessions which spanned three years.

The 10 tracks are an example of what occurs when college bar rock meets its punk heritage.

Call the Wheat Chiefs a side project if you must, but Brent takes whichever band he is in quite seriously. Regardless of industry hassles and the cyclical nature of the music, Brent still revels in it. His love of music keeps

him going.
"If I was doing it for the mon ey I would of quit because I'd make more money working at Mc-Donalds," Brent relates. "Music could be very frustrating for me but I enjoy it so it's not. Also I think we've had success for 10 years because someone puts out our records for the people who

laxed vision of its own success, the worlds sees it differently. CFOX, Vancouver's corporate alternative radio station has not only added the first single, "Refuse" to its playlist but also hope to use four more tracks from the record as future singles. Also, MuchMusic has put the video in moderate rotation

Two prominent Canadian tal-



For little more than a song, former Skinny Puppy member and Canadian producing guru Dave Ogilvie laid down the album. Also Mina Shum, the multi-award winning director of Double Happi-ness, directed the video.

Brent remembers his under-age years and how all-ages shows were a high-light. Whether in fond remembrance or as an act of kindness he finds all-age gigs to be very

"I first went to shows when I was 16," explains Brent. "I couldn't to. It was so much cooler that I could go to these crazy punk rock

"When you're 16 and bored and restless and want to vandalize things it's cool to be able to go to a concert. However I do like to have a beer when I play but if it came down to one or the other I'd pick the all ages."

Wheat Chiefs

ents and long time friends of the band put their energies into the album and video.

Showing kindness to others is a natural for the band.

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Ring gathers new players

BY STEVEN

fter spending a year-and-ahalf as a studio-only project. the Gather Ring is ready to flex its musical muscles onstage

The duo of Roland Schulz and Craig Abramowski met at Concordia College. They were both in the same band and decided to keep working together even after the two other members in their group decided to call it quits. The result is an independently-released CD which strives to mesh artsy influences with hard-eged guitar sounds.

Now, they've added bassist Andrew Keddy and deummer Marvin Denzene to fill out the live roster

"This is a permanent thing," assures Schulz. "They add a new dimension and a greater edge to the music. It is far more accessible, now. We've gone from a spiritual sort of feeling to a band that has a visceral kind of energy.

Abramowski and Schulz have developed a chemistry in their songwriting. They knew it as soon as they met at Concodia College

"First, I tried out to sing with the band because I thought it the rhythm section left, we decided we wanted to continue. We really like our niche

As with many struggling local artists, the Gather Ring's schedule is determined by the members' day jobs. The band wants to play Vancouver and Calgary, but need to work it into their busy schedules

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AWM looks for an audience

BY KEN DETSIN

nother White Male considers Canada its home but the members know this nation not its

Based in Vancouver, Sean Webster (guitars/vocals), Nathan Dillon (bass/vocals). Daniel Wiener (drums/vocals) and James Cow an (stand-up bass/sax/percussion) bang out tunes which skirt the grounds between a tamer Ministry and a suped-up Tool. Aware of the limited draw heavy music has in Canada, AWM is looking elsewhere to solidify its musical career.

The hope of us having a hit record in Canada is pretty low,' explains Dillon.

"The hope of us doing well internationally, to a point where we can support ourselves and continue to play and tour full time, is high. As long as we can get over that bridge of being a heavy Canadian band on a major label to being a band that puts out records everywhere and works the world equally. We wouldn't have the ability to become a Canadian bar band. We don't transfer that way. The label wasn't very concerned with Canada.

"If we sold 5,000 in Canada

already there and the record has only be out a month. They're really going to help us get past that Canadian rut

The band's vivacious live show has garnered attention. Interest is high enough that AWM has earned a record deal with A&M. But Canada being what it is, Cattle isn't specifically intended for a Canadian market.

"It's hard to say but I think the majority of bands in Canada have a certain sound," says Dillon. "Canadians are supportive of that and it's definitely more of a bar rock sound. Other stuff outside the fringe of that either does really well on independent labels in Europe and all over the world or just disappears after one or two records. I guess it's just the demographics.

Dillon doesn't mind the path the band has to take to get where it's going. The key issue is themselves. It's a message he thinks is relative to all people and hopes his lyrics and actions act as example to his age group.

"I grew being told everything I thought and did were wrong. Now I'm 21 and those same people who told me I was wrong are really supportive of everything I've ever done and I don't understand that.

age who feel that way, whatever walk of life they've chosen to be in. Hopefully I give people something to think about or at least something to know, hey, don't sit there thinking you'd be better off dead because you wouldn't be. The things you're doing are not accepted but not necessarily wrong.

Fans who are only interested in the entertainment aspect of the band are just as valid as those seeking insight. Still, Dillon hopes people can garner something personal from the songs.

"I find it completely unnecessary for someone like me to preach but I definitely give my opinion on how I deal with things or how certain social things curve you a bit as far as high school or dealing with parents, there's quite a few drug references on our record.

"Even the whole title of our record is Cattle and just the whole social thing of doing things out of acceptance rather than purely following things that make you happy. It's strange days that a lot of us are growing up in and there's not a whole lot to look forward to. Enjoying yourself is pretty

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Just One more

BY STEVEN

What's more appealing—a promising law career or night after night of busting your ass plying your favorite form of

With the new CD, Siboney Dub Style, for Toronto reggae-fusion act One nearly in the can, singer Chris Taylor was faced with that very dilemma. His promising future as a lawyer had been put on hold for years so he could sing with the band. But, with the vocal tracks for the new record almost completely done, Taylor decided to leave One so he could begin articling

So the band brought in a Canadian heavyweight, Chris Murray,

to take Taylor's spot behind the mike. Some lyrics were rewritten, vocals overdubbed and a manic editing process ensued. The end product is One's (keyboard player Tim Lane, trombone man Dave Hodge, guitarist Basil Chiasson, guitarist Robbie Dee, bassist Terrence Kofi, drummer Dave Patel, sax player Erik Hove and Murray) most cohesive effort in the hand's six-year history

sion for Chris to make, says Murray of the former lead singer. As front-man for King Apparatus, Toronto's biggest-ever ska act, Murray had always been close to the One crew and guested on-stage with the band many times over the last half-decade.

"He (Taylor) was worried if he didn't start working in his career field that

he would be limited-that he would become so rusty that it would be futile for him to pursue a law career."

Joining a band that's almost finished an album was an entirely new experience for Murray.

"In almost every project I have been in, I have been involved in everything from the floor to the ceiling," he says. "Chris had al-ready done many of he lead vocals. We already had 21 songs and it was quite a task to bring it down to 13 songs, 50-55 minutes of material.

Using the miracle of digital editing, the band pared down the material. Murray couldn't dedicate much time in the studio, as he had commitments to another project in the United States

"I really didn't have a lot of time to dedicate to this project," says Murray.

"So I really became involved in the art of editing."

One's reputation as a live act is solid. After touring Canada for two weeks, the band intends an intensive assault on the Canadian



One hanny family after the lawyer left

institution known as Frosh Week After that, the band will be on a weekends-only schedule as several of the members have to go back to school.

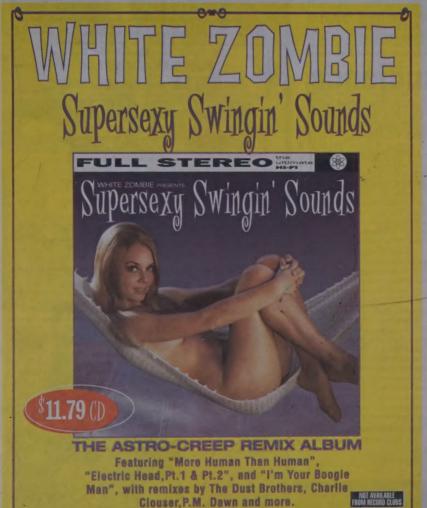
"One is a band based in reggae and it procures from other modern sounds. We have different elements in our music-rock pop, funk. Ska is definitely one element, but I don't consider it our trademark," says Murray.

Thanks to the ever-shrinking global village, Murray believes that pop music will be forever changed by the influence of worldbeat sounds.

"We are definitely part of the cross-pollenation that is happening in music. The world is a smaller place. You can access cultures throughout the world through their recordings.

"A lot more music is accessible these days. We are much more exposed to diferent sources. It is very healthy.'

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Burn, folkies, burn!

"What the world needs now is another folk singer like I need a hole in my head." -Dave Lowery (Cracker) from "Teen Angst"

"Don't fuck me up with peace and love hecause I haven't got it in me."

-same singer, same band

A sa whole, folk fests and their ilk are a great dichotomy—thousands of people pay good money to sit on a hill and to live a weekend of faux squalor. They wear their worst '60s-revival clothing and don't bathe—their skin turns beet red from the hot sun. The beer tent is the ultimate of all social

But this year's Folk Fest was a refreshing change from those which have preceded it. Why? Sure, it may have been k.d. lang's homecoming party, a spot for Alberta's own Jann Arden to show off her pop muscle and a chance for Canada grand-folkie Bruce Cockburn to right the wrongs of the world. But it was Steve Earle, a man whose own personal hell includes a jail term, heroin addiction and a drifter's life, who stole the show.

He strutted the stage with Jimmie Dale Gilmore on Saturday, answering the rumours that his criminal record might cause him problems getting across the border. When he took the stage with the Dukes on Saturday, he captivated the tarp-speckled hill for In hour. When he did the Big Picture workshop with Paul Brady and Roseanne Cash, he brought a throng of thousands with him to Stage 6—easily the largest crowd for any of the sidestage festivities at the fest

The folkies weren't here to celebrate peace, love happiness, bad clothes and dancing barefoot in the park-they were there to hear country music being played the way it was meant to be played—about hurtin', drinkin, cussin' and, of course, having a pistol at your right side. It was a refreshing kick to the testicles for those who go to the Folk Fest to save the

It was the save-the-world types show to covet, but Earle's to steal. When he was picked to lead the finale, we knew one thing for sure, the devil had his due-and the Folk Fest can never be the same. Can it be long before the great acts of new "alternative country get invited to celebrate the numbness of

Looking forward to next year's bill--if the festival organizers have learned anything, Palace, Son Volt and the Scud Mountain Boys should be getting phone



Steve Earle's sideburns were something to marvel at

HEY, QUIT PLAYING THAT GUITAR

Overheard from a folk fest attendee: "One thing I don't like about the folk fest—there's too much guitar music." That's a valid complaint-like stating that there are too many barefooted dancers wearing tie-dye on the hill. Come on lady, what did you expect? Brahms? (Sandor)

NO GUNS AND I CAN'T PLAY WORTH

After hearing Steve Earle play the blues at the Big Picture workshop, Roseanne Cash marvelled "I've never based a song around having a gun. I think that would be cool." The Man in Black's famous daughter later hold the Stage 6 audience "My Big Picture is hat I can't play guitar worth shit." Talk bout humility.... (Sandor)

WOW, A FULL MOON

Funny Friday moment: humble editor is poked in the back by a Good Samaritan wearing green. He points ahead to a spot just in front of the first aid tent. A folkie wearing a sun dress totes a backpack. That's not altogether unusual. People with bad hair and sundresses abound at the fest. But the backpack slung the woman's dress up past her ass-and she wasn't wearing underwear. Before tracking the woman down to inform her she was making a public display of herself, the Good Samaritan makes sure everyone in the general vicinity has a good gawk.... (Sandor)

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ANOTHER EARLE QUOTE

Steve Earle, on his hometown of til I was 26, I thought the only way you could get between texas and Tennessee was hitchhiking

He later described a homecoming to the town after he got his first record deal "The only people who

SAVE THE PLANET—KILL THE

Most popular food venue? Had to be the Bison Burger tent. It's nice to know that us folkies want to finish off the job of driving those annoying animals into extinc-

GIMME A STRAIGHT LINE

'Okay, I'm just curious... I'm looking out at you guys and I think we have a, uh, real mix of audience members. How many of you consider yourself homo sexually-challenged?" This was the request that Suede of the Flirtations—an all-gay/lesbian a capella trio—gave near the end of their sideshow concert. The phease. homosexually-challenged was obviously a withcrow.



James Keelaghan enjoyed a

intimidating for some people: hands went up, hands went down hands went up halfway and hovered, guys looked nervously at their girlfriends to see whether they had their hands up and some just looked up at the stage with a kind of vacant, Keanu Reeves-like look, "We meant straight," said one of the other Flirts, "Seriously, I mean, it's not all the time that you guys are able to empower yourself with your sexual identity, so we thought we'd give you the chance. Y'know, it was empowering. (Roy Fisher)

FOUR MEN AND A KEG.

The visiting Celtic R&B group Four Men and A Dog must have had a really good time Saturday night, they came into Sunday's workshops with hangovers that could be felt all the way to the port-a-potties. During one workshop, the only times they staggered on stage were when Paul Kelly hinted loudly, "Boy, we could really use a ban-jo here." They did not look amused. But they did bring the banjo. (Fisher)

WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?

During his Friday night set, Bruce Cockburn made it perfectly clear to all of us that politics does make strage bedfellows.
To wit, a half page ad in the Folk Fest
program taken out by Daishowa-Marubeni. In which it cheerfully misourced as



David Lindley: did he pay for that outfit?



Jimmie Date Gilmore is a C&W original.



support of the festival. "Fuck them for holding a gun to the heads of the Lubicons," said the Cock-man, refering to the Japanese corperation's clear-cutting operations on disputed land

I THINK I'LL WAIT FOR THE ARTHUR MILLER TRANSLATION Finnish folk combo Värttina came on stage on opening night coming across like a Celtic version of Pink Lady. After one of their songs, they announced that, "It will exist on our new album". Said a folkie next to me during a full in Värttinä's set: "Are they Finnish yet?!" (Lackey)

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ria B.C. who was mistaken for the outspoken musician a number of times at the festival. "It's hap-pened at least five times It more flattering than annoying." Flattering-that is until men in suits and shades swooped down upon him in the beer tent and gutted the poor, in-nocent tourist. (Lackey)

SPELLING BEE

Vue staffer Adrian Lackey got a name, gender and nationality change when he discovered he was accredited as "Adrienne





Bruce Cockburn didn't like the Folk Fest's sponsorship choices

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Gig from Hell: A New Year's Eve gig at the U of A. Over 2,000 people hated the

First concert attended: Carlos Montoya at the Jubilee Auditorium

Humbling experience: Playing with Chet Baker and Dexter Gordon. Home: Edmonton. I like the four



thrown out any piece of musical gear

Hobbies: Booking my band and learning how to play the piano.

Great musical moment: I sent Ray Charles a tape and got called for a gig. I flew down to Mobile, Alabama to hook up with his Big Band. We rehearsed in the afternoon and played that evening. It

This week's newest discs

This Radio God isn't primitive

PRIMITIVE RADIO GODS Racket (Sony Music)

What happens when you start with a Beck stock, add a little Beastie Boys spice and throw in a lot of loud guitar work for flavor? Well, you get a musical stew which somehow comes close to the work of American Chris O'Connor, who goes by the Primitive Radio Gods months.

"Standing Outside a Broken Phone Both With Money in My Hand," may go down as the sleeper hit of the seaa streetwise vocal and a catchy sample or two. And, by title alone, the kids will

eat up "Motherfucker."
O'Connor has taken all of the dommant musical styles of the '90s-grunge, indie rock, hip-hop, trip-hop, grunge, indie rock, hip-hop, trip-hop, metal and punk—and mashed them together in an understated, yet effective fashion. If he would have gone over the top musically, no doubt the cacophony which would have ensued would have sounded much like Rage Against the Machine. Instead, he has left the listener with competing weets.

Steven Sandor

SCOOTER Our Happy Hardcore (Club Tools/Attic)

Q: What did the Scooter fan get on his

Q. what dut the scotter fan get on his LQ. test? A: Saliva Cee, what an appropriate name for a record label. However, the real "club tools" must be anyone who would shell out good money for an album that shell out good money for an album that includes, among not much else, a particularly flaccid version of Billy Idol's "Rebel Yell," not to mention an identical appropriation of 'Ha Va Nagila." All this and more, at 250 glorious beats per minute. Basically, what it proves is that Scooter fans wouldn't know a good song if it bit them on the burn with their own teeth. If this "music" was food, it'd be a bowl of plastic fruit be a bowl of plastic fruit

Much more interestingly, the "al-bum" also contains a downloadable demoversion of Virgin Interactive's Manic

Karts, a new computer racing gam-reality, almost all of the incidental produced for such computer gam-serves to be taken more seriously anything Our Happy Hardcon-by, offer, is it no small coincidence to racing game should be included video kart racing is to Formula 1 w this album is to real music in genius Simply put, this album bytes

DAVE SWARBRICK AND FAIRPORT CONVENTION Folk On 2 (Cooking Vinyl/True North Records)

Since April, 1991, Dave Swarbus, officially an old-timer. On Swar 50th birthday, a concert of Fair Convention alumni was organized on the Beeb's Folk On 2 radio show on bile unit was there to record it.

bile unit was there to record it Swarbrick's plugged-in fiddling as instrumental in defining folk-row the British Isles via the band Fairly Convention. Like the Byrds in Namerica, Fairport was a product 160s, but continued on in a revolution of a street of the street

In making the recordings for Fo On 2, artists have been encouraged: include otherwise unreleased materal. The CD's less than 45 minutes as bad as the John Peel Sessions. Its surely there were more highlights the that) and is divided between tradition ists Simon Nicol and Martin Allcock well as Dave Pegg and Dave Mattack

Short HILLS

SQUIRREL NUT ZIPPERS: Hot (Mammoth) What a package! Nice gatefold, plus an interactive CD-ROM setup. Don't let the record company fool you, the Squirre! Nut Zippers aren't the next great indie-rock band to hail from North Carolina. The band is a steaming North Carolina. The band is a steaming group of musicians proficient at updating '40s swing and '50s bebop. Look out for that horn section. Katharine Whalen's lounge-diva voice is a refreshing change from a state deluged by indie-rock hopefuls and wannabes. Is it alternative swing? Did I just create a genre? (Sandor)

STEVE WARINER: No More Mr. Nice

a helpful thing, because the disc is ma up of a dozen of the nicest sound songs if ever there were. The vetera Wariner and friends employ a staggerin Wattner and frends employ a staggeruly number of guitars; the instruments at almost as varied as the guests them selves. Listen for the likes of Chet Atkım Vince Gill, Bela Fleck and Larry Carlto to name but a few. Overall, the result are jazzier than you'd expect fro country players of such magnitude (Shaw)

IAN McNABB: Merseybeast (This WayUp) Meandering, arena-sized noodling, sandwiched between typi-cal Pink Floyd-type harmonies and typ-ical Jimmy Page-type guitar overdubs FM fodder aimed more at the program disputer has the auditore. (Shaw) director than the audience. (Shaw)

DIMESTORE HOODS: Dimestore Hoods (MCA) What's worse than the new Rage Against the Machie album² A band that sounds like it actually wor-shipped the new Rage Against the Machine album. Ecch. Poor rapping boring, starcato guitar riffs we ver-

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FEATURING
"ALL I KNOW"

An Avenger in the Highlands

THE FRINGE
BY MICHAEL
CLARKE

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You could call it Unidentified Haggis Remains and the True Nature of Golf. Or even Really Poor Superman.

Liberal references to (and thefts from) comic book culture and really long titles aside, similarities between the serious work of someone like Brad Fraser and Lucky Phlegm Theatre's The Ludicrous Adventures of the Tartan Avenger end very quickly

"In the Fringe program, our show is listed with the other mature shows," says Ian Horobin, one of Lucky Phlegm's founding trio, "We think we should have been listed as immature. They got it right in the master schedule, though: we're' just listed as Ludicrous Adventures of..."

the Tartan Avenger, I am told by Horobin (along with co-founders Steven Weller and Andrew Mecready), "is the story of one man's quest to rid Scotland of evil and restore his family's honor."

"The mantle of the Tartan Avenger is hereditary," says Mecready, who wrote the script. "It's been passed on from father to son since 1745. It seems that for the first time in a generation, the Scotland Yard is desperate enough to call upon the Tartan Avenger to save the Scottish nation from unimaginable terror—the Evil Doctor Prism

"Prism is evil in its worst form. He's an Albertan physician driven mad by provincial health cuts who has vowed revenge and plans to use his hypnotic glasses to take over the world—starting with Scotland."

The Caledonian Crusader has not been summoned for over 20 years because in 19⁷⁷ he incurred great shame by saving the Bay City Rollers' tour bus from driving off a cliff. The last surviving heir to the shameful legacy of the Tartan Avenger is Angus McCrackers.

played by Mecready

The unassuming, golfing a ego of the Plaid Protector when desperately to avoid his dest but in the tradition of great S tish heroes like Rob Roy. Like Stewart and Sean Connery, he evitably foils Dr. Prism's extended the Control of the Control of the Glenlivet distillery)

Conceived out of arguments about comic book heroes on many brews at a pub. The Tark Avenger brags, says Macreads many dumb Scottish jokes as as packed into one hour and biting dose of political satire.

Will we learn the secret of what a true Scot wears under his kall. "Depending on the evening saw Mecready, "the audience max his get to see for themselves."

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A piece of Fringe Heaven

BY ARAXI ARSLANIAN

Reviewers get to meet the beautiful people.

They're talented, smart, and dress like the people on Friends. So one can come to expect a certain image when told of the newest talent to hit Edmon-town and its unsuspecting surroundings.

Talking to the creators of this Fringe Unhinged's guaranteed hit made me realize

The duo behind My Perfect Heaven are deceptive and two-faced

loey Tremblay, performer and playwright, esembles a Pillsbury Dough Boy, giggling ke a virgin at a prison rodeo.

Ionathan Christenson, director and playunght, sports a Kojakian hairdo that mirrors his initial disposition... reserved.

You'd never guess that these two were behind last year's Fringe mega-hit and Sterling dynamo, Elephant Wake. The piece carned accolades and won in every category nominated (Outstanding Performance, Outstanding Direction, Outstanding New Work and Outstanding Production).

Not that anybody's keeping score.

'This...this new thing, it came from Loud and Queer," says Tremblay as he nibbles his

The Loud and Queer Festival at the Catalyst Theatre has proven to be the launching pad for a number of writers, including Darrin Hagen's upcoming piece.
But NIBBLES? Nibbles. Jesus, artists don't

So, you wanna know what this piece is about?" he asks.

Oh. Right. Yeah.

'Well," Christenson jumps in, "There's a guy who grows up in a small town. And guess

What?

"He moves to the city!" he says, eyes beaming with some secret joke. "He's an outsider in his town and when he's old

"But he finds out that he's just as much of outsider there," he explains. "The world is the same all over. Hostile, Full of victims."

'And it's done with a lot of humor!"

The piece also charts the potential of brutality as we meet a myriad of archetypes from the prairie... Big Fat Momma, Jack Sprat Daddy, Circus Sister, Crazy Walter and of course, a hockey team called the Cowshit



Tremblay's character, barefoot, over-all clad and blue, dreams of becoming a bird after such experiences. And who could blame

Both insist that no fingers are being pointed at Albertans.

This is a reflection of the prairie experi ence," Christenson says, "For me it's grow ing up in a big city on the prairie, for Joey it's you're not from Alberta

The teamwork doesn't stop there. As Fremblay performs the piece on-stage, Chris tenson backs it up with soundscape and

The aim is the poetic, unified voice, fos-

tered by the gut reaction

Many will hear Tremblay's soulful bari tone for the first time as language, poetry and song lose distinction to become a style

thing that Fringe audiences have seen be are the name of the game

Maybe not your most beautiful case is s are here, so how do you deal with an analysis knowledge it or take the therai visit in show your angst. It's talking about yourself

While the two don't often agree in the risks they take the differences of both art stare their common strength 1 a

I find too much theatre talks down to the audience by trying to explain everything Fremblay says "Both of us were born of the Fringe and we know that's not what it's about But the audiences have never trans

The scary thing for us, of course, is the victous circle we go through with every proc ess." says Christenson. "When we start wor rying what are people going to think, what if

What if it's really really stupid and we " adds Tremblay

'But I think it's a trust you have in your own work. I mean, the reactions we got from Elephant Wakewere amazing and unexpect ed," Christenson concludes. "You just trust in it, what you want from the piece and a trust in your audiences

Tremblay and Christenson are the new fire in the belly of Catalyst Theatre and hope the open-to-risk spirit of festival audiences continues through to their new season in September

"If you like this, come and see more of it." Christenson says

My Perfect Heaven, like its creators, promises to be full of surprises. Things are not what they seem, and delightfully so.

My Perfect Heaven Aug. 16-25

Fringe me, unhinge me

THE FRINGE

the 15th Fringe Festival are the changes.

Gone is the glossy, staple bound program. In its place is a tabloidstyle, unbound, cost-effective program thingy.

Even if you hate the new design, you are almost forced to buy one as the festival poobahs have changed the long-standing, tradi-tional numbers of the stages to those of primary sponsors.

Example: The stage previously known as Stage 12 (Bus Barns West) has now been changed to The ITV/

Air BC Anniversary Stage (Stage 1)

acts and plays have been invited back to perform in the Arts Barn. Fringe founder Brian Paisley brings back Tom Crighton's Millions of Canadians; Anna Barry returns with After Liverpool; Stewart Lemoine does the same with his Cocktails At Pam's; Fringe faves Mump Smoot and Darrin Hagen are there to make audiences hoot and

A perennial Fringe act, One Yellow Rabbit from Calgary, is represented by Denise Clark's So Low.

While ticket prices have a ceiling of \$8 on the day of performance, Stage One shows can run up to \$13 (\$15 advance).

Other shows to look out for are David Belke's The Red King's Dream. Another guaranteed fun time is the Three Dead Troils in a Baggie/Atomic Improv collaboration, The War of 1812, which premiered back in June (Both shows at Stage 3).

And what would the Fringe be without that one show with the obligatory cuss word in the title. This year's culprit is Trevor Schmidt's Snatch, but it proves to he a bit of a let down as the show has the parenthetical, sub-title disclaimer "It's about stealing" (Stage

Over at Stage 5, Calgary's Green Fools Theatre's production of The Death of Benvenuto Cellini. This puppet show had them howling at the press conference when it was

And if England's Eyewitness Theatre comes back with a show as half as good as last year's Our Datly Bread, then its Family Affairs vill be worth any wait in line, rain or shine. GIANT ANTS! and Gilligan's Island-Live! will fill the need for quality B-grade cheese.

The Royal Canadian Legionaries will take a break from drinking, dissing turbans and making the world safe for democracy. Over the next 10 days, the Legion hall will be filled with left-leaning, veggie eating art types

There you can go to hell and sin along with Dr. Grot as he (Dave Clarke) unveils his new show Up Against It. Also at the Legion, im prov armies from all nations will compete in TheatreSports: Tundra

The late Earl Klein is honored by having the Walterdale Playhouse renamed after him (Stage 9). There, MacHomer (the Simpsons do Mac Beth wall creep in this pretty place With 500 color slides and one ac

tor (Rick Miller) doing 54 different voices, this was the runaway hit at last year's Montreal Fringe. This year's best title award must go to Paul Mather's Beaten to Death By Gorillas. If you love Mather's work in War of 1812, then line up for

There are nine BYOVs this year. The added bonus in this concept is that the companies totally control the theatre environment and try to make it condusive to the context of the show.

The most striking of these are Chris Peterson's drag show Eye-cons at Rebar (well... duhh!!) and Red Neck at Cook County Saloon (double duhh!!)

The Fringe



Comedy venue saves shows

BY MICHAEL CLARK

ne of the more interesting spinoffs of the 1996 Fringe Festival's financial difficulties has been the budding of a "Fringe of

The huge funding shortfall reported by the Fringe in January has resulted in a festival less roaring than its former incarnations. With only nine venues (down from last year's 13), Fringe spaces became a scarce commodity.

As a result, several companies found themselves so far down the waiting list they lost hope of ever getting a space

Others who believed being at the top of the waiting list was to be assured of a space were surprised to find themselves also unhinged from the Fringe.

The flipside of The Incredible Shrinking Fringe is a small surplus of venues abandoned by the Fringe

The Comedy Venue, a co-production between Union Theatre and the Princess Theatre, is a byproduct of this shrinkage. As the venue count dwindled and the Princess was cut from contention, Union's Ian Ferguson was asked by the Princess's Malcolm Parker and Mary Pearson if they could com-

The result? "The Comedy Venue" will feature daily performance es of several perennial Fringe pres-

The Three Dead Trolls in a Bag-

gie are presenting The Big Stupid Improv Show, Union Theatre is dishing up its live soap Die-Nasty, Rapid Fire Theatre is hosting an International Tournament of Theatre Sports, and Noises in the Attic is back with Fat lack

Fat Jack is a new work written and directed by Edmonton actor Ashley Wright. Low on the Fringe waiting list and rapidly losing hope Noises in the Attic jumped at the chance when Ferguson offered them an assured venue

"Noises has been at every Fringe for the last five years," says Wright. "I'd have been very disappointed to miss out this year. Noises in the Attic was born and bred on the Fringe; we really wanted to do this show and used whatever options were available to us.

Ferguson is quick to point out that the intent of the Comedy Ven-

ue is not to prove the Fringe is n hard with Judy (Lawrence, Fring. producer) to make this venue BYOV (Bring Your Own Venue) in the Fringe, but it didn't fit their operating structures. However, we wouldn't be able to put together package like this if it weren't for the Fringe and none of the groups in the Comedy Venue would have developed to where they are if it weren't for the Fringe.

"God forbid that the govern ment get the idea that because o us, financial support for the Festi val is not required. Considering the fiscal realities of late 1990s in Alberta, you do whatever you can to put on a show."

The Comedy Venue Princess Theatre Aug. 16-25

Obesity hits stage

know this is the Fringe issue And I know this show isn't exactly in the Fringe, but according to the reputation of Noises In The Attic, it's doubtful that the public at large is going to mind.

The Comedy Venue, a.k.a. the Princess Theatre, will feature Noises' newest work Fat Jack, every

night of the Fringe at 8 p.m.
If you can get one. Reaction to the play's premiere at the Comedy Venue fundraiser was so strong that tickets may be as hard to get a hold of as Garth Brooks' were last week.

But why should I go, you may ask, What's so great about this play?

lack (Harvey Anderson) works at the 7-Eleven on the night shift. He prefers it because it hides him from the cruel remarks rendered him about his weight from insensitive patrons. Except on Tuesdays, when lack meets Rubella (Colleen Tillitson), a girl with a heart as large as Jack's legally blind. Roger Schultz (does this guy ever go a happenin' little synthesizer

This is going surprisingly well considering I'm a first-time direc tor and writer," says production mastermind Ashley Wright, " I've only had one anxiety attack. It last ed half an hour.

Wright admits he's always had the writing itch, even as his begin nings as an actor. Cast and crew agree that his acting background has been the greatest aspect of the rehearsal process.

"He just knows the language we speak, " says Tillotson

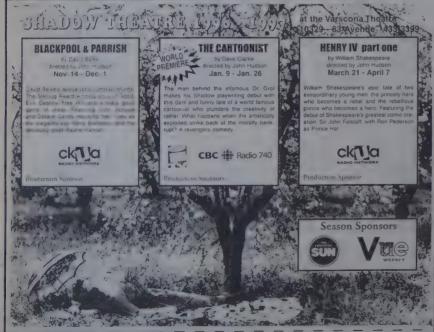
"And he's not precious about his work," saysSchultz

"And we love him soooo much" gushes Anderson.

For those of you who know An derson, you'll realize that his mini-Adonis frame falls pretty short of the dimensions of Wright's title charac ter. A fat suit has been appropriated from Vancouver Playhouse

This I gotta see. And , I'm tak ing pictures.

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Smells like Pakistani spirit Himalayan trek leads to play

BY CHAUNCEY FEATHERSTONE

Kathy Sandford and her stage manager, Shuca Chalifour, were stuffing the last few bags in the Brockville-Edmonton Express (her car)

Since Chalifour doesn't drive. Sandford was psyching up for the long haul.

"Here in Canada there are telephones and Visa cards. You won't be stuck in line in Pakistan—nobody's trying to kidnap you. I did Zen, man, I think I can handle Saskatchewan

In the span of a couple of years. the 34-year-old Sandford lost both parents. It was a trying, sad time juxtaposed with moments so bizarre, so surreal and so right she laughs out loud

There's a whole scene where I get stuck in an elevator on Christmas Eve and my dad's in surgery and I'm stuck with my brother and this really happened. And when that happens you think there's some big cosmic thing going on."

Suffering from sever brain-

bend, she buggered off to an ashram in the Himalayas for 10 silent days to reflect and think

when I felt more connected to the universe than I ever had. I wrote the play, mostly to remind myself of that moment.

An Inkling of Nirvana has played in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and various Fringe houses Sandford's other works have been staged by the Great Canadian Theatre Co. or filmed by the Edmonton-based National Screen Institute. An Inkling of Nirvana marks Sandford's transition from writer

"Once you have nothing to lose you really start to learn. It's about 55 minutes with laughs."

An inkling of Nirvana Stage 4 Aug. 16-17, 22-23, 25



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says Vancouver's June Pentyliuk. "And I thought, how absurd!
"The whole basis of Buy For Now is 'What if we were all doing exactly

what we wanted to do?'

Scary thought.

Pentyliuk, in response, developed her own one-woman "Positive Thinking" seminar complete with moderator, guest speakers and "volunreers" from the audience

Her premise is that a good "empowerment" should leave you exhausted-completely drained

"I've written a few songs and I play the guitar, so that gives the audience a little time to rest

She played Buy For Now in a few clubs in Vancouver and took it down to the Seattle Fringe to see how it fared in front of a theatre crowd. She's quite happy with the distance she can go tapping into the subconscious notion that Anthony Robbins is a boob

We literally pull people out of the audience and we demonstrate that," she laughs through the flu she's recovering from. "I ask them to give me a physical thing and a sound and we put them together and boom-o! You've got yourself a power move!

The ironic thing is people actually do get motivated.

Buy For Now Stage 10 Aug. 16-17, 19, 23-25

One woman in Seattle told her: "I'd sit on a faucet, in a hot tub, and I'd rrro-tate!'

June Pentyliuk is available for parties and conventions.

Working the bugs out of E-town's Queen

BY CHAUNCEY

aggots on the Queen
"Ahh, a musical comedy.

It had better be. Kurt Spen rath stays on the line to plug the show in which he performs

"Four unemployed people lay siege to the Edmonton Queentake it over as an act of protest Fourteen days later, when some one finally notices, they send in a social worker and help these people purge themselves of their 'inner maggots

"It's sort of a, um, broad-spec trum attack on everyone," he

Meaning everyone from treehuggers to capitalist pigs get whacked. Gotta be fair about

"It's got the four great minor sexual, an Indian, an immigrant there with the unionized repair

Penned by Heath Nightingale and Tom Gorman, Maggots on the Queen will be Union Theatre boss Ian Ferguson's last Edmonton-directing gig before taking on a teaching position at Toronto's York University

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BY CHAUNCEY FLATRERSTONE

ant Ants invasions, consistently throughout history, have never been recorded by government, military or even civilian journalists It took the Edmonton dramatic community to blow the lid off these longundeclared sieges on humanity.

THEM again

"I read the script about a week ago," says PR guy Kurt Spenrath. "And it's actually a pretty intelligent piece of theatre. Well, you get a whole group of brilliant people together and they're bound to come up with

something. Dana Anderson, Paul Morgan Donald, John B. Lowe and Stephanie Wolfe, after years of intensive research, collectively recreate the characters involved in one such "non-incident."

omewhere in the desert where there "may or may not be Giant Ants, a drifter with a gun, a gas jockey with a guitar, an entomologist with a phone and a waitress with a secret face the unknowable

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Grot stimulation of all kinds

BY ARAXI

Babout sullied? Deflowered in cen debauched lately? How nasty ways perhaps?

Well, Generic Theatre wants to do all those things to you and MORE

Lord of Raunchy Underthings Dr. Grot (Dave Clarke) has thrown his filthy hat in the ring with Dr Grot Up Against It! Bondage-boy cohort Moon (John Ullyatt) is back too, along with either unbelievably brave or totally stupid (I can't McKeag as... wait for it

If Ricki Lake Show reunions tingle your naughties, this lot promises

lt's nice to instill a sense of panic," Clarke says 'You don't know what's going to happen next

Some people might have a hard time working on this play," sniggers Ullyatt as he points to McK-

name for what it is we DO.

Any thoughts, Mr. McKeag?

Considering the hands-down love affair Generic has had with Fringe audiences, it's no wonder that a fan-based cult would form Last year Clarke was blessed/cursed with a coterie of teenage girls following him around

"They'd scream Grot! Grot!," he confides. "But I had to explain no girls, first it's boys, then animals. THEN women." Ew

Spunk-by-the-gallon Eileen Sproule directs. This reviewer wishes to refrain from quoting her for fear of being shown up in front of

Oh what the hell. I'm in therapy "The style is the world of the show," she says

Holy. Way intellectual Apparently this show provides

Dr Grot Up

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Dr. Grot is framed!

Trial by Jury a role reversal

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William Schwenk Gilbert was a discouraged lawyer when he met Arthur Sullivan in the late 1800s. Together they became an extremely successful musical duo. Trial By Jury allowed Gilbert to exorcise his disdain for the legal profession and is loaded with deadly barbs. While Trian By Jury was not Gilbert and Sullivan's first collaboration, it was their earliest success.

Director Phil Young believes this operetta was the mold from which all their ensuing musical endeavors were cast, bearing the characteristic clever musical lyrics and lyrical, clever music

The original story is of a bride left at the altar who decides to press charges against her fiancé for breach of promise. Sherard performed this work 11 years ago as its debut presentation and decided the second visitation should be

Sherard has switched all the men's roles to women's and vice

No, this is not a drag show

The plot is now of a jilted groom and his attempts to defend his honor in the courtroom. As in the orig

inal, the would-be happy twosome has trouble heaped on trouble until the story is resolved in a "most unusual way," promises Young.

The reason for this gender reversal was due in part to the fact that Gilbert and Sullivan's musicals are notoriously unsympathetic towards women, often relegating them to little more than chorus

Sherard's female members didn't want to be left out of the line-up in the company's first Fringe show

Taking this new angle brought some interesting revelations to rehearsal, forcing the director and cast members to face their own clichés and stereotypes about the

The cast of 20 includes Brian Sanders as the broken-hearted groom, Jean Parlby as the judge and Helene Jurkat as evil Edna, the defendant. Live music will be pro vided on keyboard by musical di rector Elsie Hepburn Sherard has a lengthy record of

prior successes and evidence points to them being able to deliv er the goods. If you don't see this production, the cast hopes you'll feel guilty

Trial By Jury Stage 5 Aug. 16-17, 19, 22-24

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f you are a cat who knows where it's at, wear a fez hat when you go to see Scat.

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Schrödinger has a regular gig on CBC Stereo's Real Time, serving up comments on counter-culture over the counter from the fictional Kerouac's Snackin' Shack.

Starting in January, Schrödinger will be featured on a new CBC radio series, Madly Off in All Directions, which is replacing the Royal Canadian Air Farce while it does its TV show thing.

Schrödinger will soon be going inernational. He's been invited to perform in the Festival for Young Audiences in Perth, Australia this

Wow, splitsville, daddy-o.

Despite all these achievements, Side's brightest moment was winning the "Name the Lump on Ralph Benmergui's Forehead" contest

"His fate and mine are inextri-cably connected," boasts a pride-The winning submission, "Press

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Here For More Beer Nuts " won Side an all-expenses paid trip to Toronto, the privilege of touching the lump itself and a 20-lb. bag of beer nuts, which he hurled about on set during what was ironically

the last Benmergui episode. Side, not wanting to scare of those who think poetry is stuffy. describesWbat's Your Doodad Do as a variety comedy revue. Music will be provided by Side's sidekick, Vancouverite Bernie Addington (AKA Doghouse Heisenberg).
playing (what else) upright bass.

There will be storytelling, vir tuoso improvisation and comedic use of language. Catch his Dr. Seuss tribute, "Herbert the Turbot." Dig his dig at New Agers, "Man from

Side promises the show, rated Parental Guidance, will provide "enough entertainment doodads to keep everyone happy. Scatisfaction guaranteed."

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"Raucous!" growls cast member "John Collins" Kirkpatrick...

Wait a minute... this is a COCK-TAIL party.

The star line-up also includes Julien "Adonis" Arnold, "Julianna Blue" Barclay, Amy "Bacardi" Berger, Leona "Belladonna" Brausen, Jill "Daiquiri" Dyck, Jeff "Pisco Punch" Page, Barbara (cocktail) Gates Wilson, and Jeff "Hair Of The Dog" Haslam

g - Hasiam "It's just a big party!" says Haslam. 'Teatro's specialty are people who look like they've just walked out of the Dick Van Dyke Show

Hold on. I know what you're thinking. Haven't I seen this show before, and wasn't it at the Fringe? Twice?

"We did the show in 1986 and in 1991," Stewart "Long Green" Lemoine says

Apparently the show is so much fun that both east and crew (Roger "Sangria" Schultz and Michelle "Chi-chi" Chan) would gladly perform non-stop for seven years.

At least, that's what Hair of the Dog said.

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Sexy Dirty Bloody Scary: like, this ain't a Fringe title? So tell us about Sexy Dirty, uh,

Gory Nasty...?

"...lcky Poopee. It often gets called that by close friends and family," says playwright/actor Chris

He developed Sexy Dirty Bloody Scary in San Francisco and the first version did stink. With a rewrite and the addition of director Christine McHugh, critical re-

views became far more favorable.
He and his stage pantner fiancee Johnna Schmidt have been touring to welcoming houses since

SDBS explores popular themes used in depicting modern relationships.

"There has always been this chance-wheel. Initially we were going to let the scene order be dictated by that," he explains. "It would be a bunch of vignettes based on the themes of 'sexy,' 'bloody,' 'dirty' or 'scary."

The wheel's function has

The wheel's function has changed slightly but the concept remains 'The actors now control the wheel (it does no good to repeat Scene Nine 27 times). The mod'fied story has a woman plotting to have her husband killed.

"It's kinda hard to figure out.
"It's kinda hard to figure out.
"It's characters and we trade
them a lot. One time I might be
playing the blonde bombshell and
Johnna will be playing that same

character later on.

"Late night and a lot of inebriated people seem to be the perfect performance situation for the show. You know, oversold to the point the Fire Department might mind."

It's now officially a seasoned play. "We're into about 50 performances." Brophy estimates "San Francisco—two venues there—the Montreal Fringe, Toronto Fringe, Winnipeg and now we're just finishing up here in um, wherever, Saskatagush.."

Saskatchewan? Saskatoon? "Right "

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three-part coalition is the foundation for youths getting their feet wet in theatre

Edmonton Community and Family Services, Concrete Theatre and Youth Under Pressure are working together to help teens translate their artistic visions into visible entities.

Originally started during the winter of 1994, Y.U.P. was a rowing theatre troupe of teens which went from school to school. Now for the second year in a row, they will be presenting the Teen Tent at the Fringe Unhinged

Using a rotating schedule the tent will host plays, comedians, bands and artists

During the 10 days, the tent will play host to five plays (One Giant Coffin: An Invoking Half Hour With The Undead. The v Files, A Gathering of Friends. The Darkness and V.I.P. Improv Comedy), three bands (Dead Center, Welfare Tuxedo and The Bell Jar Blues Band), a dance presentation entitled. The Pillars of Peace and many visual artists.

The programs are completely run by-teenagers. From scripting, direction and acting and all of the technical work, it's all done by people under 20

The only adult aid is some organization and guidance from two 23-year-old co-ordinators

Robyn Rufiange, one of the coordinators, feels the Y.U.P. and the tent are very important to burgeoning young artists.

"It's important that youth have an opportunity to express themselves and a place to do that," explains Rufiange. "The audience can



One segement of a mural painted by Jody Boffa and Maria Flores.

see that there is a lot of talent in the youth. They're not just jumping around the stage screaming but are actually performing. Also I don't think they should be seen as a separate group of sub-people."

Comedian Josh Dean echoes this sentiment. Along with his friends Eric Wood and Ian Rowe, he is a member of V.I.P. (Vegreville Improv Philharmonic) comedy. He believes the Teen Tent will not only help him hone his skills but also send a message out to the masses.

"People will see teens aren't always the bad kids. There is more to teens than what they see on the news with the gangs and such. Also they'll get some great entertainment."

Participants hope Y.U.P. will

evolve into a year-round centre for the young, creative mind. The only hindrance presenting itself is limited funding.

Co-ordinator Jared Matsunaga explains the recent dilemma

"One of the sponsors we were counting on pulled out at the last moment so we're forced to look for monies elsewhere. We want to keep it free and accessible for people to get involved We don't even want to charge people to either be involved or to see the shows because that automatically excludes people."

Teen Tent Fringe Unhinged Aug. 11-25

Ahem... My dog died/so I got fried

Cowboy poets invade Stony Plain

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magine the Marlboro Man appearing your local coffee house, but he's a twisted offshoot of Jack Kerouac. Now picture Rodin reincarnated as Roy Rogers. That in essence is the spirit behind the fourth Annual Cowboy Poetry and Western Art Festival.

Held in Stony Plain, the festival is a gathering of artists in what is considered a traditionally unartistic field. The word "cowboy" usually brings to mind pictures of masculine men performing great feats of machismo. However, for four days the noun "cowboy" is synonymous with the word "artisan."

The exhibition of creative talents is drawn across the prairies. Both patrons and artists travel many miles to view the soft sensitive side of the range-based man. Some of the talent in attendance is

Henri de Groot from Entwistle, Alta., Rose and Garth Bibby from Westlock, Alta. and Rob Dinwoodie from Vernon, B.C.

The lyrical content of the writing is based on the daily activities of cowboys. Although the festival is best known for its humour and lighthearted nature, there are still the tough but not-so-silent types present. An excerpt from Bryn Thiesen's "That's Me." exhibits the contemplative side of the festival.

"I could cry/ Or maybe try/ Walk away/ Or just say/ What I'm thinking/But that's not me."

"But underneath/My old felt hat/ I'm a wondering/Just where I'm at/ But I'm not sinking/Cause that's not me."

Added to the poetry are a plethora of other activities. What would a cowboy festival be with out social dances and steak dinners? Without these staples the whole mythology would slip away. Also present is western art.

Ranging from sculpture to pen

and ink drawings, there is only one prerequisite. All the artwork is drawn the cowboy way. Regardless of medium, it all speaks the same mentality—desire to express the rural experience into visual art

Next weekend gives one the opportunity to see western heritage from an entirely different perspective. Gone are the image of rough-and-tumble men. Present are sights of hard-working people with a poetic souls. Due to the transitory nature of cowboys, don't expect the opportunity to see the poetic soul to last long. As attending poet Fred Miller put it in his poem "Movin' Along'," "To end our days/The ponies graze/ Their bellies ring out in song.

"Tomorrow morn/As day is born/ We'll up and move along."

Cowboy Poetry and Western Art Festival Exhibition Park, Stony Plain Aug. 15-18



De Niro gets a brand new Fan

BYAMY

show best in The Fan Tony Scott's suspense thriller of the year

De Niro plays Gil Renard, a bandaged knife salesman who laments a missed career in baseball After being the star on his little league team, Gil is sure he "could have been a contenda" but with no contracts forthcoming, Gil simply devotes his life to being the best baseball fan in the history of the

When the San Francisco Giants recruit all-star Bobby Rayburn (Wes ley Snipes) Gil is in seventh heaven

Except there is one problem Bobby isn't allowed to wear his lucky number 11 because team mate Juan Primo (Benicio Del Tor to) already has the number and isn't about to give it up

Soon enough, Bobby's career takes a downward spiral and Juan Primo becomes the team's new hot

shot. Every time Bobby steps up to plate the fickle Giants fans heckle him...all the fans except Gil

Something has to be done and Gil knows that sometimes one player has to sacrifice himself for the good of the team

I don't want to give away too to Gil, Bobby gets his number back the team goes on a winning streak

Although happy for his hero Gil starts feeling a little unappreciated when Bobby doesn't attribute his winning streak to getting his lucky number back

Then, the stalking begins

De Niro's character is superb as Gil. Gil could be seen as a reprise of Taxi Driver's Travis Bickle, but Gil is meaner, crazier, and less

"Lucky tie, lucky guy and "pos itive things happen to positive think ers" are a couple of the pearls of wisdom Gil offers and, although seemingly funny, they are quite ter rilying coming from Gil's lips

the baseball hero. When Robby fi nally realizes that Gil is not just a well-meaning fan but is in fact entirely insane, the look on his face is

Ellen Barkin also gives a stand up performance as the "castrating ball-breaking" sports reporter lew

Special credit must also be given to Andrew Ferchland, who plays Gil's son Richie and to Brandon Hammond, who plays Bobby's son

These two kids can act. You can see the gears whirring in their minds everytime they look up at Gil and mentally question his grip

of the summer The plot isn't clut tered with any comantic entang. ments or unnecessary insights. The tension is delightfully exerucial

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Robert De Niro wants to show you his best pitch

True crime, **Italian style**

BY RUSSELL

and unclear

Dier Paolo Pasolini was a film

winning poet, journalist, novelist,

Antonioni, Bertolucci and Rossel-

lini. It is impossible to underesti-

mate the impact these five people

to pass away and he died under

circumstances that were both ugly

nist and humanist. He was also

Christian, Several of his films-in

particular Rogopag and The Gospel According to St. Matthew -

attempted to reconcile his human-

istic views with the materialism of

the Christian church. These films

were his first works to be con-

demned the Church and by the

Pasolini was also proudly ho-

It was these things that made

The official story is that Paso-

his death both ugly and unclear.

lini was murdered by a kid he

picked up. The 17-year-old Pino

Pelosi claimed he let Pasolini pick

him up because he needed to earn

some money, but he became en-

raged when Pasolini attempted to

force him into having sex. Pelosi

beat Pasolini half to death with a

couple of old boards and then,

accidentally or on purpose, ran

him over with his own sports car.

mosexual, which also antagonized

the power brokers in Italy

Italian government.

Pasolini was the first of the five

Pasolini was a fervent commu-

essayist, film critic and theorist.

maker. He was also an award

Pasolini peers were Fellini

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The film begins with Pelosi speeding in Pasolini's Alfa Romeo and getting picked up by the police. The police quickly discover the car belongs to the famous filmmaker and shortly thereafter Paso-

From this point, everybody's motivations are questioned. Why did Pelosi lie about knowing whose car he was driving? Why did one witness tell a reporter he heard several people in the vicinity when Pasolini was beaten, but then deny he was ever there? Why did the official coroner not report all the broken bones found in Pasolini's body? Why was there blood on the passenger side of the car?

There are more compelling questions raised as the film tracks those moments when those few seemingly honest people become involved and begin to think they are in the midst of a cover-up.

The film becomes almost pedantic as it piles up evidence for this cover-up, but this film also has ma it strives for-the honest cop struggling for the truth, the lawyer desperate to make the truth known-become dull and too easily ignored.

Director Marco Giordana wrote the book on which be based his film. His book and the story would have been far better served by a more straightforward documentary approach than by this dramatic film. I don't mean this film should have been a documentary; only that there is no room in the story for all the things that make a drama a drama

Nonetheless, the film is worth seeing if you are really interested in the power politics of Italy and the death of one of the country's greatest artists. You should read the book as well.

An Italian Crime

Just what the world needs: another Costner flop

BY AUGILT

Why is Kevin Costner's latest film called Tin Cup?

A. It's his character's nickname B. It's what the movie ushers should hand to each viewer so nobody has to yark up on the floor while watching this nauseating hunk of trash.

C. I don't care, because I'll stay home and watch "Celebrity Trout Cutting" before I waste eight bucks to see it

Any answer you choose is cor-

There is legitimate concernTin Cinema managers across North America may be choked to death by angry patrons demanding re-

Before you think this review will contain only negative comments, Tin Cup has beautiful shot of a Texas sunset and a few cute armadillos. Not enough to save this

In this "romantic comedy," Costner plays a washed-up driving range pro named Roy McAvoy. He is a booze-swilling, spitting, arrogant, obnoxious, ill-tempered, foul-mouthed, unkempt, whiny, swaggering, sweaty, hairy pig. Costner, known to make some women oon, drew cries of "OOOH" GROSS!" during the showing I at-

(Rene Russo), a sophisticated, welldressed, attractive psychiatrist. She's come to take golf lessons, allowing plenty of opportunities for McAvoy to stand too close and make suggestive remarks

It's of little consequence that er boyfriend Dave Simms (Don-

Johnson of Miami Vice Melanic Griffith (ame) She wants to learn from the walking puddle of bum.

McAvoy falls for her and eloquently tells his caddy Romeo (Cheech Marin) the reason he's smitten. "There's just somethin about that chick This and other great lines are

the work of screenwriters John Norville and Ron Shelton (Bull Durham, White Men Can't Jump) Shelton, who also takes the blame for directing, is hitching a ride in

When the sexy shrink says she'll have nothing to do with him, McAvoy devises a plan to win her heart He qualifies for the U.S. Open hoping to whomp the rival of his love's affection. He gets the jitters on the first day of the tournament but recovers after he bangs the babe and winds up being an Amer

It doesn't matter that the plot is far-fetched. Movies can be pure Cup is just thoroughly rotten and is neither romantic nor comedic

Norville and Shelton have cre ated characters not likeable enough to be romantic figures. They kill up each joke too many times and weak punchlines, some of which are driven home several times Cheech Marin is the only player dy to squeeze a few drops of hu mor from the dreadful script

At 135 minutes, the film is also in desperate need of editing Scenes drag endlessly By the end ment, you'll feel like the film was shot in real time

Most embarrassing of all are three minutes of Costner close aps. Downhearted, we see his pain while visions of his heart's desir hover over his head. This and many other bits were heavily underscored with pathetic music, the worst song being "Double Bogey

I can't say who should be flogged for penning that ditty. I was too busy clawing my way to the exit to read the credits

If Waterworld wasn't enough to sink Costner's career, this film ought to do it. A few more terrible choices and Costner will soon be appearing in a Hollywood soup line, tin cup in hand.

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From the time news of Pasolini's death became public, people have been asking questions about the official story. There were many people who would benefit from

Pasolini: An Italian Crime recreates the police investigation and the trial that occurred. As a film it tends to drag more than a little bit. But as a bit of investigative journal-

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Now this is escapist movie-making

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t's curious that this film should be released just a couple of days before the big Republican convention in the ol' U.S.A.

This is the Republican convention, where 60 per cent of the delegates will be controlled by the Christian Coalition, a rightwing organization whom Bob Dole has been obligated to court in order to assure his presidential

The Christian Coalition has no tolerance for people whose views run contrary to its own. Its implied agenda is to make the Republican party a religious-based party. Thomas Jefferson would be

I mention this because, for those who have not seen the rather clever ads, Escape from L.A. takes place in the near future, 2013.

where an extreme right-wing "Christian" president has turned the United States into a theocracy

swearing, no alcohol, no drugs, no red meat. Needless to say, there is no abortion, no sex outside of marriage, no homosexuality.

Anyone breaking any of these or a couple of hundred other rules-like not going to church or not being Christian—gets sent to the island of Los Angeles.

The president prophesized there would be an earthquake and that the City of Sin would be separated from the rest of the god-fearing U.S.A. He was right, and in 2013. L.A. is a city of ruins with lots of degenerates running around eating red meat. (k.d. lang would be appalled!-ed.)

Unfortunately for the president's perfect world, his daughter falls in love via the Internet with a Chilean terrorist now making his home in L.A. The freedom fighter is a member of the Shining Path, a group that even in 1996 has one of the best web pages going. So the president's daughter cleverly steals an incredibly important, incredibly powerful bit of technology and takes it to her cyber-lover in L.A.

This is the set-up for bringing Snake Plissken back . In 1981, in Escape from New York, Kurt Russell and director John Carpenter invented Snake

The set-up for that movie was that Manhattan was a prison and the president's plane had accidentally crashed there, allowing the president to be captured by criminals. Snake was sent in to get the president out

Escape from L.A. is a little different. The stakes are higher, for one thing, and L.A. is not exactly a prison. Snake is sent in not to save the president's daughter but to get back what she stole

This leads to a number of set pieces as Snake treks through the ruined yet still-vibrant city hooking up with a variety of colorful



'Val Kilmer? Bah! I, Kurt Russell, should have been Batman!"

(though contrived) characters.

There is Map To the Stars. played by Steve Buscemi. It seems that one can still tour the movie star's homes. Bruce Campbell (The Adventures of Brisco County, Jr.) is the Surgeon General of Beverly Hills. There are people who can only live by virtue of plastic or replacement surgery and the Surgeon General carves people up alive in order to transplant their living tissue onto the cosmetically impaired. There is Peter Fonda. a surfer dude who is quite content to just surf

All of these characters and quite a few more, including the alwayssexy Valerie Golino, either assist

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TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME (1949) Two baseball

or impair Snake's efforts to get to the stolen technology

Russell brings his usual joy of performance to the character of Snake. Plissken remains uncompromised, a not-quite-defined character drawn straight from spaghetti westerns and Clint Eastwood's Man With No Name

John Carpenter apparently had \$50 million to work with, some \$40 million more than Escape From Neu-York. There is a sense it would have been the same movie whether he had \$10 million, \$50 million or \$100 million. He should probably stay away from big-budget movies. He usually does. Escape From L.A. is Carpenter's first studio movie since the brilliant Big Trouble in Little China, which also starred Kurt Rus-

Escape From L.A. would not have been made but for Russell, who felt that he'd like to do a couple more action films before he got too old Kurt Russell not only stars in the film but is a co-writer-the basic idea was apparently his-and he produced it.

Escape From L.A. is entertaining and, in its own way, heavy-handed yet still hard to take seriously. It is lots of fun, but is an honest political movie with a very specific agenda. Good news for all of us who like to sleep with our T-bones be fore we barbecue them.

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CHAIN REACTION The director of The Fugitive attempts to duplicate efit of an interesting and capable antagonist. Director Andrew Davis picture, but Keanu Reeves is a poor hair-brained Swiss-cheese plot ac counts for the rank smell of this mouldy piece of celluloid. Keanu why does this guy continue to get parts that require an actor?) plays Eddie Kasalavich. He's part of a team of scientists and engineers who have developed a cheap, clean source of energy to replace fossil fuels. What should be news heralded around the world suddenly has shadowy government figures moving quickly to suppress the formula. Morgan Freeman plays the head of the com-pany funding the project and though Freeman always lends a touch of legitimacy to any film, his role is as confusing and ultimately uninteresting as is the rest of this predictable chase movie. (V)

COURAGE UNDER FIRE Courage Under Fire packs starpower with Denzel Washington (Crimson Tide) and Meg Ryan (French Kiss). Set months after the end of the Persian Gulf war, there's still plenty of gunplay as Lt. Col. Nathaniel Serling (Washington) continues to be haunt ed by his actions on the battlefield that led to the deaths of some of his men. A hushed investigation gnaws at Serling's conscience, even as he's reassigned to a desk job in the department of awards and decorations His first assignment is reviewing the candidacy of Capt. Karen Walden (Ryan) for a postumous award of a Medal of Honor, the first such award given to a female officer. Despite a strong tendency to fall on the dry side, this movie really rides on the shoulders of Washington and you'll be hard-pressed to find a better actor for the job. (VVV)

EMMA Sense and Sensibility brought the work of Jane Austen back to the public consciousness, garnered Oscar nominations and will no doubt trigger a string of imita-tors. If that means we'll be treated to

literate, witty material as displayed in this version of Austen's 1816 classic, movie audiences will have much to look forward to. Gwyneth Paltrow (Seven) will surely be able to shed her title of "girlfriend to the sexiest man alive" (Brad Pitt) once her engaging performance as Emma Woodhouse is discovered. Set in the early 19th century, Ms. Wood-house is a beautiful socialite, irrepressible gossip and woman of breeding who takes it upon herself to play matchmaker for Harriet (Toni Collette, *Muriel's Wedding*), a spin-ster of less stature. Her romantic manoeuvres, however, are ill-fated and lead her to question her own seemingly-perfect life. Austen's dia loque is the work of a unique craftsperson and these rich and very fun ny characters created 180 years ago seem just as relevant as the day Austen first skewered them in the pages of her novel. (VVV)

ESCAPE FROM L.A. Kurt Russell's guttural belchings as Snake Plissken in Escape from L.A. beat Arnold Schwarzenegger's half-dozen at-tempts at the perfect catchphrase in Eraser any day. In this futuristic follow-up to Escape from New York, the United States has become a country devoid of any freedom. Any deviation from what has been decreed by the new "President For Life" (Cliff Robertson) as morally acceptable is met with instant deportation to the new island of Los Angeles, left isolated from the rest of the country after the Big One. Los Angeles is home to a revolutionary (George Corraface) determined to lead an assault on the mainland. When the President's daughter joins forces with the revolutionaries and puts in their hands a doomsday device Snake is charged with the task of returning it before a raging virus incapacitates him. Escape from L.A. has the usual sci-fi action clichés, but Russell's work as Snake lifts this story—there's something to this iras cible character, whose ultimate goa is to take care of Number One. Steve Buscemi (Pulp Fiction) is a welcome addition as a post-quake Hollywood agent and look for Peter Fonda (Easy Rider) as an aging but wave-ready surfer. (VVV)

JACK Who better to play a 10-year old than the always child-like Robin Williams? But even he'll have trou ble getting an audience to suspend belief to the extent required to swal low the flimsy premise behind Jack from director Francis Ford Coppola Jack Powell (Williams) is a 10-year old in a 40-year-old body, due to a condition that causes him to age four times as fast as a normal per son. Not to worry. This is the Holly-wood version of a real disorder, so this ailment can only be cute and charming. Jack's parents have kept him away from other children, but at the insistence of their tutor (Rill Cor by) it's off to school Jack goes. He's eventually accepted by his class-mates and that gives Williams a chance to get in touch with his inner child and eat bugs. The story has nowhere to go from here, so enter Fran Drescher as the mother of one of Jack's new friends. She thinks Jack is really 40 and is attracted to him. I thought that was kind of a creepy idea, and a cheap excuse to The Nanny" an expanded role. Sure, Jack's a cute little guy, but it's not happening in the pages of this script. Expect a few cute scenes and laughs from Williams but little of substance that will last beyond the theatre's exit. (VV)

TRAINSPOTTING Based on the cult novel from Irvine Welsh, it takes its title from a peculiar British hobby in which people endlessly watch trains, cataloguing railway data and other innocuous facts. The characters in Trainspotting, though, are obsessed with heroin. Set in some of the most depressed areas of Scotland, we meet Renton (Ewan MacGregor). He parrates the film and points out that he has not chosen a conventiona lifestyle and has instead cultivated a "truthful junk habit." Despite his blus ter, Renton attempts to kick his habit but is drawn back by his friends Sick Boy and Spud. We're introduced to others who crawl in Renton's low life, the most frightening of whom is Begbie (Robert Carlyle), a heroin abstainer who gets his kicks chugging beer and bashing heads. Much has been made of Trainspotting's glamorization of heroin use. Nothing could be further from the truth. If neither promotes nor condemns drug abuse, though a scene that has Renton literally swimming in "the dirtiest toilet in Scotland" in search of a fix graphically displays the wretched life of a junkie. The characters may have a dark outline, but Trainspotting gives way to light and has more in common with, say, The Commitments than Drugstore Cow boy. It's a perfect antidote for the lywood releases this summer. (NVV)

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12522-132 Avenue, 496-7090 THU 15: Hidden Treasures*

it would be a GOOD idea to eliminate to the main stage. Man, at 9 p.m. when you've been drinking beer all day and the line-ups around the site are 50 people long per stall, the last thing one WANTS to do is chew out an innocent

496-1830

A big pat on the back and a warm fuzzy hug to Pat Darbasie who will FINALLY nug to at Darbasie who will FINALLY be seen on an Edmonton stage after a six-year dry spell. John Cooper, artistic director for the Phoenix. has been cast in the role of Angel for the fall production of Angels in America: The Millenium Approaches. Yeah! It's a damn shame that a black actress of her caliber has to go outside her home city

ment: Apparently the warden's assist ant out at the women's prison got work ant out at the women's prison got word about the drama Ladies in Waiting (starring mysell. Path Stiles. Elizabeth Alision, Kelly Nightingale and Audrei-Karien) and placed a call to the Fringe offices. It seems that there was some concern that the story might be about the institution and they wanted to ensure that they could approve the script. Tee, hee. And in case you thought that you read wrong or that there was a massive typo, yes I AM acting in the show. If you're coming, be warned that there is nudity, violence and lesbianism in the show and that coffee will be served at the midnight performances. Hope you'fl come check it out. If you do, please stay afterwards and say hello.

The prize for making me giggle out loud at a Fringe Festival promo kit goes to Noises in the Attic for their release and picture in an empty Slurpee cup. Hey boys, if I bring my cup to a performance of Fat Jack (playing nightly at 8 p.m. in the Comedy Venue) will you take me to 7-Eleven for "braino" juice?

edy venue, I should mention that the man behind it all, Ian Ferguson (so blame him) is also directing a musical comedy that is in the Fringe proper. It's called Maggots on the Queen and is come maggots on the Queen and is billed as lan's final Edmonton show. Now, I don't know what the scoop is there, but I'll find out by the end of the Fringe. I promise! The premise! The hijacking of the Edmonton Queen by a group of people who laugh, sing and dance their way down the North Sas-katchewan. Sounds Fringy to me.

Look for Klodyne at a beer tent near you during the fringe for the next edition of Street Viae her editor has charged her with the task of seeking out

Street Vue

By Klodyne Rodney

Say hey, people, it's been a busy, busy weeks. What with vacation, great con certs and rehearsing a show for the fringe (yes, I'm acting, but you can read about it further along in the col-umn), I'm pretty exhausted. How's your summer been going?

So while I was out in Vancouver for a spell, I had a cocktail (yes, only one—I had an early flight) with Jennifer Wigmore. What a gal. She's working ner buns off in Vancouver and yearning tor her home in Toronto. While it's great to have a show that keeps being great to have a show that keeps being extended, Jen's problem is that she can't take advantage of the auditions and acting opportunities her agent has soffled out. That's part of the reason she is choosing to return home instead of continuing with the optonion. Paof continuing with the extension. Remember how I mentioned a while ago that Shadow Theatre was going to produce David Belke's Blackpool and Parish? When I asked Jen about it she commented to the effect that she would OVE to do it again if it worked into her schedule. Sounds like John Hudson needs to get on the phone to that girl! on the Beach where she had the chance to hang a bit with lan Robinson and Kurt Van Runte. She was very excited about a du Maurier Concert Series appearing on television where she and Albert Schultz would be performing pieces from the Citadel Theatre production of the Music Man. She was in duction of the Music Man. She was in tine company too: performing on the same show were Jann Arden, Roch Voisine and Colin James. Other than that, she really misses her guy, an American named Andrew Tarbet.

Araxi Arslanian who will be wedded on the same day as Stage ManagerLisa Roy (though to a different guy). I hope you're both very happy and plan on sending invitations.

I hate to print rumors, but I hate it even more when folks won't return my phone tilk So the question is... what the David Hennessey know the man has Thouse him the company would not be able than the company would not be able than the burned and bolted?

t m telling va. parties seem to be eve " " Ise part for Hookahman at the Sidetrack Café. Great bash. Great music. On hand to enjoy are all kinds of theatre people like Lorne Cardinal Bradley Moss, Carmen Estelle, Jeff Haslam, John Kirkpatrick, Rebecca Starr and Dove Mickelson. Hookah-man is a great band that's obviously going somewhere (where?). Those wonderful volunteer types over at the folk Festival had a blast partying to the band's music till the wee hours of the morning and during the Fringe you can catch them at the late night Cabarel osted by Dave Clarke and Darrin Hagen. As a last note, word at the Folk fest site was that a brand new person is expected to joining the band in about... six months. Cathy Derkach, is

While I'm there at Hookahman's Side-track party, I run into Mark Meer who tells me of his summer "vacation." It turns out that Paul Mather and Donovan Workun, the Atomic Improv con edy duo, got invited to the Just For Laughs Festival in Montréal—and then found themselves double-booked with another gig. What were they to do? Well, they called up Mark who got in touch with Jacob Banigan, Artistic Director of Rapid Fire Theatre, who hap pened to be in Vancouver at the time, and the two of them went for it! Flights, per diems and hotel room. What a stroke of fortune!

Do you know Leo Campos? He's the percussion player with the "contem-porary folkies" Sticks and Stones. He dropped a line the other day to let me know that they have recently received funding from the Alberta Foundation for the Performing Arts and that they're on a creative bent. As you read they are getting ready to go intoWood-bent Studios to record four new songs which will be added to the product they plan to release in the fall. Sticks and Stones is also part of the group that put together The Nature of Love fea-turing the work of Nigel Darbasie and

What can one possibly say about the Folk Festival? The acts were great, the bugs were almost nil and the sun shone every day! For those of you who made Brooks, you know that the deluge came down after the site had been vacated by partiers. Good thing, too. Apparently a bolt of lightning struck the site in the area around the main stage! Loved Joan Armatrading and Laura Love Must get more of their music. My only beel goes to who exercit was that thought

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ReVUE

a Casa Ticino is located right off the University campus on 112 Street north of Whyte. This sweet little Old Strathcona house was transformed a while backinto one of Edmonton's most romantic and popular restaurants.

Its most dedicated clientele is the "before and after" operacrowd or, for that matter, any-specialevent-at-the-Jube crowd.

From early Café Select days gone by, you can recognize a few familiar faces as soon as you walk through the old French doors. The staff welcomes you in a calm and friendly manner while taking you to your antique table.

The warmth and coziness of the multiple dining rooms makes you feel comfortable right away and the Blue's-ish tunes set the mood to Mega-mush.

The menu has a mixture of classic and modern Italian dishes. There is also a children's menu—a nice rarity in an establishment of that profile.

A bottle of Australian Wolf Bass is recommended and we start with spinach and endive salad and prosciutto with melon.

The spinach salad is fresh and the bitter taste of endives marries well with the pear and gorgonzola cheese dressing. It seems this specific stinky cheese is starting to pop up on various menus around towa.

It's about time.

The Italian prosciutto ham, one inally from the Parma region of Italis of Superior quality and sliced venthin. Eating it with melon is an extended and is a refreshing way to start your meal. However, want to be original, you can evadd some Port and make this appetizer simply sensational. The lose part of it: it's easy to make

For seconds, we choose pan fried veal and lemon chicken. The politically-incorrect baby veal-quite good, in an oyster, mustic room and tarragon mustard sauce It's served on top of spinach fettuacini. The meat is tender and delecate but not overpowered by the sauce—nicely done!

The breast of chicken in a lem on, mushroom and butter sauce on herbed fettuccinities, as the description says, very lemony, and doesnigo at all with the red wine. Our fault reduced right away with a glass of Chardonnay.

The usual cappuccinos and a Tiramisu to share wraps things of nicely.

The humbe sub-\$50 food that makes La Casa Ticini underrated in a town where it's easy to blow the same amount at the corner Earl's

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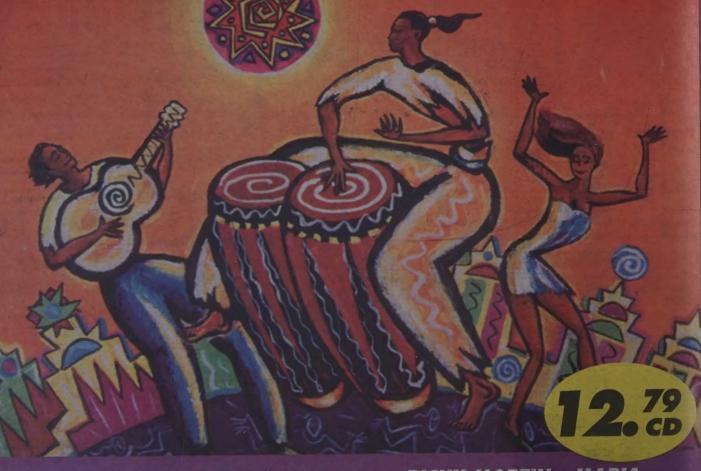
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